

CLAIMS:

1. A personal computer comprising:

- a system memory,
- a basic input/output system program,

characterized in that the system memory comprises a persistent system memory and that the

5 basic input/output system program is stored in the persistent system memory.

2. A personal computer according to claim 1, characterized in that non-volatile information required during execution of the basic input/output system program is stored in the persistent system memory.

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3. A personal computer according to claim 1, characterized in that the persistent system memory comprises a magnetic random access memory.

4. A method for booting a personal computer according to claim 1, characterized

15 in that the basic input/output system program is executed from the persistent system memory.

5. A method for booting a personal computer according to claim 2, characterized in that the basic input/output system program uses the non-volatile information during its execution.

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